



They can be used to treat respiratory tract obstructive disease of airways e.g. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, sarcoidosis, farmer's lung and related diseases, nasal polypsis, fibroid lung, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia, antifusis activity, treatment of chronic cough associated with inflammatory conditions of the airways or iatrogenic induced cough; (bone and joint) arthritides e.g. rheumatic, infectious, autoimmune, spondyloarthropathies (e.g. ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis or Reiter's disease), Behcet's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or systemic sclerosis; (skin and eyes) psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis or other eczematous dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis, Lichen planus, pemphigus, bullous pemphigus, epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angiodermas, vasculitides erythema, cutaneous eosinophilias, uveitis, alopecia areata or vernal conjunctivitis; (gastrointestinal tract) Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel disease or food-related allergies which have effects remote from the gut (e.g. migraine, rhinitis or eczema); allograft rejection, acute and chronic following e.g. transplantation of kidney, heart, liver, lung, bone marrow, skin, cornea, or chronic graft versus host disease; and/or other tissues or diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, atherosclerosis, AIDS, lupus disorders (such as systemic lupus), erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, myasthenia

gravis, type I diabetes, nephrotic syndrome, eosinophilia fasciitis, hyper IgE syndrome, leprosy (e.g. lepromatous leprosy), Perioral discoloration, Sezary syndrome, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura or disorders of the menstrual cycle.

#### ADMINISTRATION

(I) can be used in doses of e.g. 0.01-100, (preferably 0.1-20) mg/kg/day by e.g. oral, parenteral or topical routes.

#### EXAMPLE

2-[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)-1-piperidinyl]ethylamine (0.20 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (4 ml). 3-[Methylsulfonyl]methylbenzoic acid (see WO00/15609; or by hydrolysis of methyl 3-[{methylsulfonyl}methyl]benzoate, 0.132 g) triethylamine (0.289 ml) and PyBrop (RTM, 0.483 g) were added. After 24 hours at room temperature sodium hydrogen carbonate (aqueous) was added and the product extracted with diethyl ether. The organics were dried and concentrated. Purification by reverse phase high pressure liquid chromatography (with a gradient eluent system (25% acetonitrile/NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (aqueous, 0.1%) to 95% acetonitrile/NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (aqueous, 0.1%) (any excess NH<sub>4</sub>OAc was

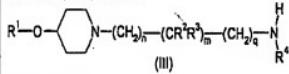
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, removed by dissolving the compound in dichloromethane and washing with aqueous saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate followed by drying of the organics with magnesium sulfate and evaporation of solvent) gave N-[2-[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)-1-piperidinyl]ethyl]-3-[{methylsulfonyl}methyl]benzamide (0.101 g, m. pt. 112-114 °C).

#### TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

Organic Chemistry - Preparation: (I) may be prepared by reacting a piperidine compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula LC(=O)R<sup>2</sup> (IV), (claimed).



L = a leaving group.  
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